

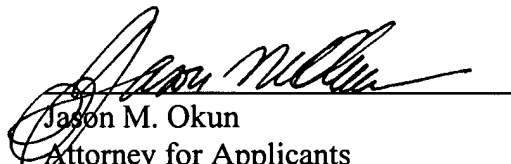
C. Remarks

The claims are 1, 3-16 and 20-22, with claims 1, 8, 16 and 20 being independent. Claims 2 and 17-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Independent claims 1 and 16 have been amended to clarify the invention. Support for this amendment may be found, inter alia, in the First Embodiment discussed in the specification, as well as in Figs. 1 and 3. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to reflect the changes in claim 1 and to improve their form. Claim 8 has been amended solely as to form. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration of the claims and expedient passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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